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Honoring J.P. Marzullo

President Dr. Wayne Lesperance (R) presents the NEC Honorary Alumni Award to J.P. Marzullo. The award is presented to one or more deserving non-alumni members of the NEC community who have demonstrated loyalty, interest and service in the spirit of New England College that are "above and beyond."

This week in history

October 7, 1931

Desmond Tutu, South African leader is born

October 8, 1871

The Great Chicago Fire begins

October 9, 1936

Hoover Dam begins transmitting electricity

October 10, 1970

Quebec Liberation Front kidnaps labor minister

October 11, 1975

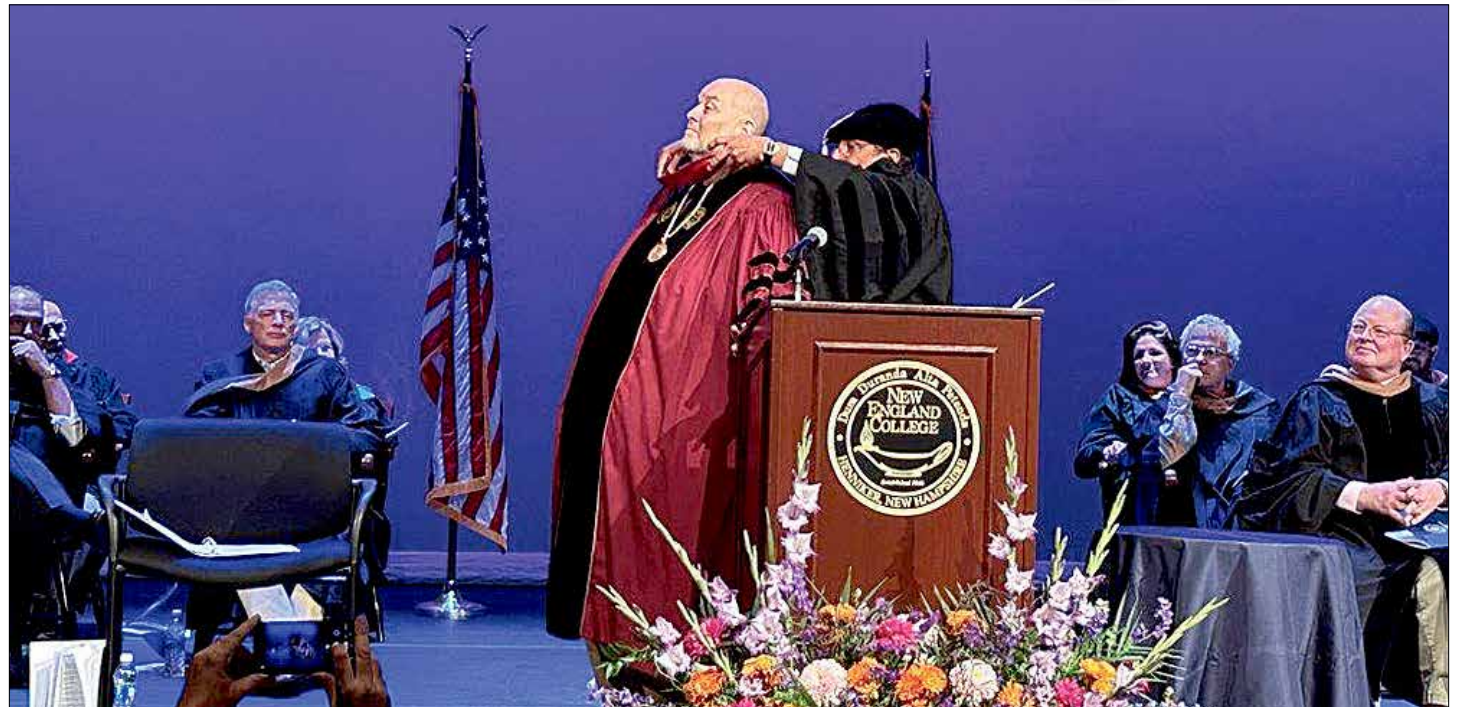
Saturday Night Live debuts

October 12, 1810

The first Oktoberfest celebration is held

October 13, 2010

Chilean miners rescued after sixty-nine days underground



Trustee Chairman Lex Scourby installed Dr. Wayne F. Lesperance as president.

New England College Inauguration

Dr. Wayne F. Lesperance, Jr. installed as NEC's 16th President

The Putnam Center for Performing Arts was filled to capacity Saturday for the Inauguration of Dr. Wayne Lesperance as New England College's 16th President.

Bagpiper Eric Goodchiled led the procession onto the stage. After the NH Department of Corrections Honor Guard posted the colors, a series of speakers praised Lesperance's leadership and recalled their interactions with him. They included: Lex Scourby, Chair of

the Board of Trustees; Trustee Adam Kapner; Louis Pakula, President of the Alumni Association; Andrew Morgan, representing the NEC Faculty; Elizabeth Brennan, representing the NEC Staff; Deborah Scire of Campus Compact of NH; as well as his mother and aunt.

Lex Scourby then installed the President's Hood on Lesperance.

In his speech Dr. Lesperance thanked all those who had been a part of his rise through the ranks from his

arrival as a Professor of Political Science in 1999 to Dean of Undergraduate Programs, Director of the Center for Civic Engagement, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Provost, and Interim President.

After a Benediction by J.P. Marzullo, the parties retired outside where Governor Sununu's proclamation honoring the occasion was read. Followed by a Musket salute from member of NH's First regiment.

Hillsboro Lions Club Senior Dinner November 18th

A Hillsboro tradition continues for the 47th year, as the Hillsboro Lions Club hosts its Annual Senior Citizens Dinner. Project Chair Leigh Bosse reports that this year the event is scheduled for Saturday, November 18th, (not November 4th as previously reported) at the Hillsboro-Deering Middle School for a full sit-

down service. Seating will begin at 12:30 p.m. for a FREE full turkey dinner which will be served from 1-3 p.m.

Last year, attendees consumed ten 20 lb. turkeys, 36 lbs. of green beans, 75 lbs. of squash, 30 lbs. of onions and 16 dozen dinner rolls, not to mention the stuffing, gravy, pickles, olives and cranberry sauce,

along with 20 pumpkin pies, cider and coffee. This year enough food for a crowd of 200 has been ordered. If food is available after those seated have finished, take-out dinners, while they last, may be picked up after 2:30 p.m. The event is not limited to Hillsboro residents as seniors from adjoining towns are welcome to attend.

Committee updated the New London Select Board on Whipple Hall upgrades

Phil Sherman, Chair of the Whipple Hall Project recently met with the New London Select Board. Overall, the committee is happy to report that this has been a successful project, accomplishing the goals set forth by the selectmen, and completed within the allotted budget. As with any project, numerous lessons were learned, which may be helpful for future project teams to understand. Among these are:

1. There is a need, to every extent possible, to understand the complete scope of a project at the outset including the preferred sequencing of the work; otherwise, work completed out of sequence often results in re-work and additional (unnecessary) costs.

2. Costs are established at multiple points through the life of the project, including: estimates to get to the warrant; cost of contractors with additional costs that are the

responsibility of the owner; and the final project cost.

3. There was a lack of understanding that the scope and resulting budget numbers developed for each of the warrant articles were based on preliminary, not final, design decisions. Assigning end-to-end project ownership and understanding the project design phases is critical to effective and efficient project (and related budget) planning and execution.

4. While not a major issue, a better understanding as to whether completion dates desired by the town were critical, and if not, the notification lead time needed for meeting postings, would have helped inform design changes and supply chain decisions.

5. A template setting forth the line of approvals for invoice payment should be established and tailored for specific future projects. We recommend that



New London Police Chief Emily Cobb sought Select Board approval for two upgrades totaling \$19,209.70 to the Dispatch Center. Her request was unanimously approved.

the standard approaches set forth by the American Institute of Architects be used, that payment requests flow as recommended, and that representatives be named specifically for a given project as indicated by the AIA process.

6. Notwithstanding the Whipple infrastructure project a few years ago, the early instal-

lation of some upgrades in the assembly hall, and the present project, Whipple Hall has still not been fully renovated. Significant additional work was identified during the project.

7. One issue that may be unique to Whipple is the lack of a "building owner." While various town departments are involved with the management of other buildings, each has a single department who is the primary user. Responsibility for Whipple daily operations should be clearly identified with a single point of accountability.

8. As a run up to a potential need for an electrical shutdown, we became aware that the dispatch center has no alternate "hot" location. In order to provide for a range of future scenarios, the need for an alternate dispatch location should be reviewed.

9. A more detailed discussion prior to setting the warrant

amount would have resulted in a larger owner contingency, or would have resulted in some items being included within the budget.

10. In the future, design professionals should be retained during initial study phases, and continue through to completion.

11. The town does not have explicit procedures for the retention and future access of electronic and hard copy documents related to construction, operating and maintenance. Formal procedures should be developed.

12. Lastly, we understand that this project was put to the front of the list of town needs due to overcrowding at the Syd Crook Room, overlaid by Covid concerns. This being said, insofar as possible going forward, given competing demands, project prioritization should be considered within the context of all demands on town need.

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Masons honor Bob and Fran Charron with 2023's Community Builder's Award

The Masons of Harmony Lodge #38 gathered Sunday for their annual public celebration of their special ladies (widows of past members), veteran members and presentation of the Lodge's Community Builders award.

The members were pleased and honored to be joined by Daniel R. Hotchkis, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, who joined in the presentation of the awards.

Roses were presented to Special Ladies Betty Marguelis and Gwen Gaskell, as a reminder that the Lodge remained ready to support them in any way possible.

Maurice "Mo" Davison was presented a pin signifying his 25 years as a member of the Lodge.

Mark Davison and Robert Anderson received their 40 year commemorative pins.

Unable to attend was Robert Munro, whose 60 year pin

will be presented a later date.

Harrison Baldwin was presented with the Lodge's Golden Cane which is awarded to the Lodge's longest serving member. Harrison has been a member since 1958.

The 2023 Community Builders Award was presented to Bob and Fran Charron, who moved from Pittsfield to Hillsborough in 1977, and have been involved in virtually every aspect of community life since. The award is given annually to area citizens who exemplify the spirit of "Giving Back" in order to make their towns a better place to live, work and raise a family. Previous winners included Herm & Yvonne Weigleman, Peter Brigham, Marc Payeur, Herb Frederick, George and Estelle Averanaki and David Tillie.

Fran began her service as a 6-year old trick or treating for UNICEF, was a member and volunteer for the Franklin



Back Row: Daniel Hotchkis, Grand Master of NH Masons (L), Leigh Bosse, Master of Harmony Lodge (R). Bottom: Fran & Bob Charron.

Pierce Homestead Committee, a Park Board member, a Library Trustee, Cub Scout leader, and Teacher and Volunteer Tutor. She also hosted many of the area youth at her cottage

on Peaks Island, served the Youth ministry, and served as a Sunday school teacher. And a leading volunteer participant and leader in many town and church events, including Or-

ganizing and leading the Smith Church exercise group.

For his part, Bob served as Scoutmaster in both Pittsfield and Hillsborough, as Cub Scout Master - Hillsborough. He has been President of the Hillsborough Chamber of Commerce, President and Treasurer-Hillsboro Historical Society, Member of the Hillsboro-Deering School Board-2 terms, Hillsboro Select Board-2 terms, Treasurer of the Hillsboro Balloon Fest (now Fest and Fair), a member of the H-D High School building committee, an advisor and consultant to many non-profit organizations and events. He remains as Hillsboro Town Treasurer -9 years and counting, the Community Service Corporation Treasurer and Advisor (to include Family Promise, Summerfest and Hillcat Theatre), the American Legion Post 59 Finance Officer and a driver for the Smith Church Youth Ministry.

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WASHINGTON: This historic colonial home is located across from the Washington Town Hall, Police Station and Church with two of Washington's 26 lakes and ponds only a bicycle ride away and only steps from snowmobile and hiking trails. The home has been lovingly updated but still has tons of historic charm with beautiful wood work and Mosas Easton stenciling in one of the 4 bedrooms making it a "must see" if you're looking for a grand home with modern upgrades. **PRICE CHANGE!! \$339,500**



DEERING: Mobile home with new carport for two cars and a detached storage shed. Two bedrooms, 1 BA with W/D, LR, large eat-in kitchen and additional sitting room. New ceilings, ceiling fans, flooring. **\$139,900**



Yesteryear Local history as reported in The Messenger

October 7, 2022

John Cooper Celebration of Life nets \$14,000 for Fire & EMS
Peterborough Police & K-9 Queso locate missing juvenile
Weare Select Board approves seeking 24/7 police coverage in town
\$2 million renovation of Hancock Inn may be "over the top"

October 8, 2021

Deering wants school tax equity
Alyssa Small replaces Rochelle Kelley in Weare
Weare officer takes medical retirement after being shot
94 MPH chase from New London to Warner

October 9, 2020

Henniker adopts \$75 stipend for election workers
Hopkinton girl wins Girl Scouting highest award
Goffstown man seriously injured in crash
Henniker Rotary joins Million Mask Challenge

October 11, 2019

Joe Devine named Henniker Town Administrator
Grapevine Suicide Awareness & Prevention Forum
Greater Hillsborough Chamber of Commerce revived
Colby-Sawyer honors three distinguished alumni

October 12, 2018

Warner Town Clerk resigns
Hillsborough man sentenced to 7-15 years in prison
Weare man missing since subpoena - found dead
Unregistered vehicle leads to marijuana bust

October 13, 2017

Officials silent over departure of Newbury Chief
GST names Ray Eaton a Hometown Hero
Goffstown fire consumes Lemay & Sons facility
Hillsborough man caused Bow crash

October 7, 2016

Questions linger over New Boston woman's death
Antrim to conduct 2020 Community Profile
Franklin woman pleads guilty to social security fraud
Newport Selectmen water restrictions mandatory

October 9, 2015

Goffstown conducts school emergency shooting drill
Supreme Court hears Dunbarton v. Goffstown dispute
One Bow man arrested in drug bust, another sought
Franklin Savings supports several area non-profits

October 10, 2014

H-D Board seeks a \$700,000 Alternative School
New Boston Police seize 57 marijuana plants
One dead, one injured in Franklin crash
New sexual assault charges in Dunbarton

October 11, 2013

Conservation area named in honor of Tom Watman
John Stark leads state in anti-bullying programs
John Velleca named Weare Police Chief
Newport Selectman Beverly Rodeschin steps down

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Bennington & Francestown residents review ConVal's school restructuring options

About 50 Francestown and 40 Bennington residents attended recent meetings in their towns to assess the different options presented by Prismatic dealing with the ConVal School District's restructuring study. Those options included:

1. Combine as many schools as possible, including perhaps the middle schools;
2. Keep ConVal like it is now;
3. Combine only some of the elementary schools;
4. Keep all the elementary

Sanborn's casino appeal hiring rescheduled

An administrative hearing has been rescheduled for October 13 for Concord Casino owner Andy Sanborn to challenge a lifetime suspension of his gaming license sought by state officials.

Reports show "disguised purchases of personal luxury items" using COVID-19 relief funds.

schools, but move grades five and six back to those schools.

Lee Davis spoke of being a student at Antrim High School when it closed in 1969, sending Antrim students to high school in Peterborough. "It's a terrible thing when a town loses a school. It really takes away from the community. I know it deeply affected Antrim," he said. "Another question is, what would we do with this beautiful new school building? Would they just sit here and fall apart? That's a liability for

Sanborn fraudulently applied for and received at least one Economic Injury Disaster Loan in the amount of \$844,000, according to the Attorney General's Office.

The application omitted Concord Casino and listed the primary business as "miscellaneous services." Casinos were not eligible for the relief.

the town and such a waste."

In Bennington, John Manley expressed similar sentiments, saying: "The elementary school is the lifeblood of the town. The district would save nothing by closing this school. For one thing, the town

would never buy the building back, so it would just sit here, and ConVal would still have to maintain it. We fought to keep this building right here in the center of town, and we won. It's the heart and soul of Bennington."

As of September 1st, Bennington's enrollment was 62 students, fourth-lowest among the eight in the district, ahead of the 37 at Temple Elementary School, 43 at Francestown Elementary School and 55 at Dublin Consolidated School.



Delayed for a week by the three days of rain, Antrim's Home & Harvest Sunday activities, including its traditional parade, came off without a hitch.

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Lion’s Club
HYAA • VFW
Historical Society
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Smith Church
Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts
Methodist Church
St Mary’s Church
American Legion
Food Pantry
Community Center Committee

WASHINGTON

Firefighter’s Association
Police Association
Historical Society
Congregational Church
Baptist Church

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Police Association
Historical Society
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Lions Club

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School Days



Ms. Haidul’s 4th-grade class at the Henniker Community School participated in a student-led Socratic seminar, one of the key routines from Wit & Wisdom, their core English Language Arts program. Students discussed what the main character in their classroom text learned by supporting their ideas with textual evidence and robust conversations.



Students at Kearsarge Regional PreSchool Bradford are enjoying their new facility.



Center Woods Elementary’s summer reading bingo challenge was a huge hit! Students entering grades 1-3 spent many minutes reading this summer and received an ice cream certificate from Ilsley’s in Weare. All participating students were also entered into a grand prize raffle for a reading stuffy. This summer’s winners are Owen in first grade, Brynn in second grade, and Charlotte in third grade, pictured here with CWES Librarian Mrs. Mechachonis. Great job to everyone who participated and happy reading!

Warner says good bye - Newbury says hello to Diane Ricciardelli

The Town of Newbury welcomes Diane Ricciardelli as its new Town Administrator, effective October 10, 2023, to replace long time Town Administrator Dennis Pavlicek, who served Newbury for almost 30 years.

Newbury's Select Board unanimously and enthusiastically voted to hire Diane Ricciardelli after a lengthy and thorough interview and

background check process; a process that included multiple interviews, in-house reference, and background checks, and a second reference and background check through Municipal Resources, Inc. (MRI).

Diane comes to Newbury with an abundance of municipal, finance/budget, grant, technology, and leadership experience and expertise that will complement and guide the

municipal work of Newbury. Being budget season, Diane has prioritized presenting a flat, or perhaps lower, expense budget with zero impact to salaries and benefits.

Newbury's Select Board, Joanne Lord, Chair; Scott Wheeler; and Kristen Schultz,

look forward to the future of Newbury under Diane's strong leadership as their Town Administrator and they are extremely excited to work with her in the best interest of Newbury and their residents.

Warner residents gather at Town Hall Tuesday afternoon

to say "Thank you and farewell" to Ricciardelli, who had served as Town Administrator since 2020. Select Board Chair Harry Seidel praised her talents and thanked her for her dedication in helping a new Select Board transition into office.

Antrim Select Board discusses wind turbines

The Antrim Select Board reviewed a letter from TransAlta wherein they complained about increased land values of properties they were leasing for their wind turbines. The lease required TransAlta to pay the associated property taxes. They believed that because of the PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) agreement there would be no increases in land values

and subsequently no increase in property taxes.

Mike Ott reported that he had received and reviewed the data for the wind turbine signal beacons. The alert system in use is the first of its kind in the country. It automatically lights the beacon when its radar detects an aircraft. Overall, the beacon was on 27% of the time and off 73%.



(L-R) Faith Minton, Select Board; Diane Ricciardelli; Harry Seidel, Select Board Chair; Allan N. Brown, Select Board.

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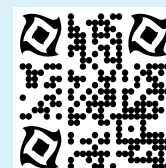


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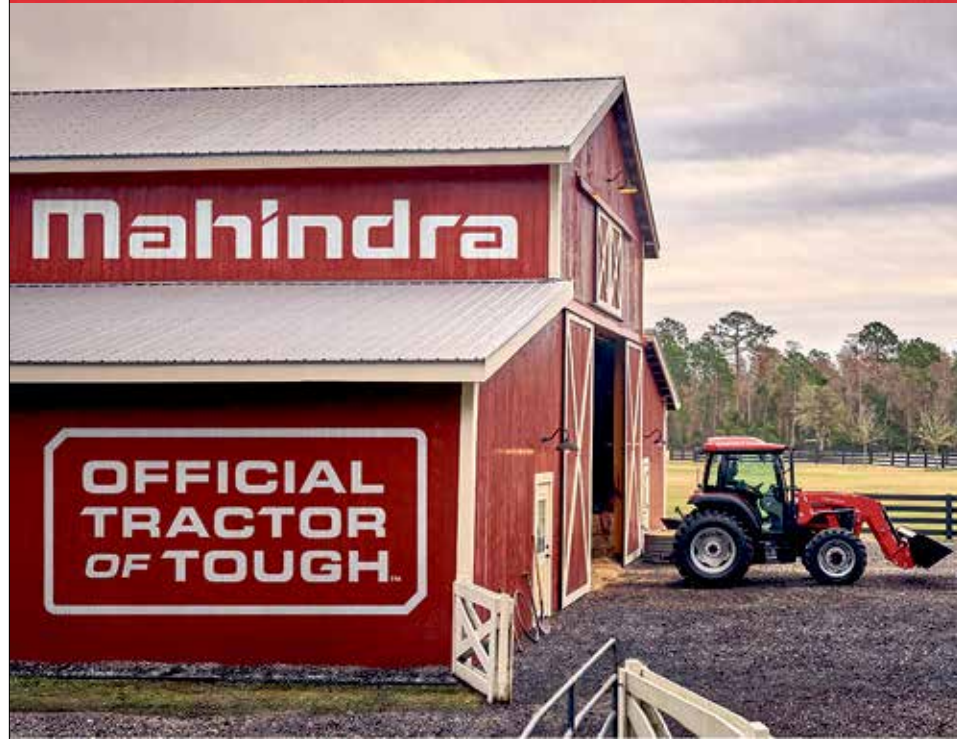
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Around Our Towns



Senator Maggie Hassan has named Barbara Hayes, formerly of Deering and now of Bow, as September's Granite Stater of the Month. Barbara leads a group in knitting "fidget quilts," which provide sensory stimulation for patients with Alzheimer's and other health challenges, which are then donated to local hospital patients and veterans.



Brenda Dulong (L), Chair of the NH Tax Collectors Association presents a check to Select Board Chair Frederick Hippler (R) to reimburse the town for Weare Tax Collector Monique Nelson's (C) tuition at the recent NHTCA Certification Program.



Simonds School kindergarten and first grade classes are learning how to balance on two wheels! Thanks to a grant from the Rosa Valpey Trust of the Town of Warner Police Department, Central NH Bicycle Coalition, S & W Sports, Friends of the Concord-Lake Sunapee Rail Trail, Bike-Walk Alliance of NH and Cyr Lumber, physical education teacher Jake Palmer is teaching his students about bike safety and how to ride a bike. The kids and teachers are having a great time! This bike safety unit will travel to all KRSD elementary schools in the coming months.

76th Annual Warner Fall Foliage Festival slated for this weekend

The Warner Fall Foliage Festival is happening this weekend, October 6-8, 2023 as scheduled.

There are NO admission fees to ANY of the events or shows. Parking is \$10 per vehicle, and there's plenty of parking. There will even be a bus for the Nichols field lot that will shuttle you back and forth from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00

p.m. Saturday and Sunday. \$25 gets you a bracelet that lets the wearer enjoy all Amusement park rides AS MANY TIMES AS THEY WANT. (Only \$20 on Friday.)

Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Prizes are donated by the crafters themselves. The prizes will be on display in the town hall during the festival. While many of the vendors and

crafters are able to take a card or electronic payment, there will be some who are Cash Only.

Yes, there's an ATM on site. As always, ALL proceeds from the festival go directly

to the community. See you soon. WFFF.org

Have you volunteered? Volunteers are still needed for Saturday and Sunday to cover parking during the festival. Every 2 hour shift equals one

entry into the volunteers raffle to win a \$50 gift card! Volunteers also get a free t-shirt and bragging rights for the entire year. Sign up today, you know you want to! <https://signup.com/go/RMEmyKU>

New London plans halloween celebration

The New London Rec. Dept. has requested the use of the municipal parking lot on Main St. and Pleasant St. as a part of the Halloween Event on Sunday, 10/29. The section of Main Street (Seamans Road to Williams Road/Barn Playhouse) will be closed from 4-6 PM, but the parking lot would be closed from late Saturday night until 6 PM Sunday. The lot will be used by Rec. Dept. to put on Halloween-related

activities and games and also be the location of a costumed Dance event. These events were both on Main Street last year and it was decided that utilizing the lot would assist with freeing up space for people to walk on Main Street and support access by emergency vehicles if necessary. The event has become quite popular (3,000+ people last year), and this decision will support event safety.



The Greater Hillsborough Area Chamber of Commerce recognized Hillsborough's 250th Committee as its "2022 Citizens of the Year." Front: Tammy McClure, Samantha Gallo, Traci Blain, Laurie Judzi, Chloe Kozdra, Amy Crotto, Jessica Granger; Back: Ken Matthews, Amy Cote, Christina Chadwick, Riche Colcombe. Not pictured Laura Buono.

— TOWN OWNED PROPERTY AT — **PUBLIC AUCTION** SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023 AT 10:00 AM 1385 2ND NH TURNPIKE, WINDSOR, NH SALE TO BE HELD ON SITE

ID#23-176 • We have been retained by the Town of Windsor to sell at PUBLIC AUCTION this town-owned property that is in poor condition. This property appeals to investors, builders, or abutters - 1970 Built 1.5 story chalet style home located on a 6.8+ acre lot located on Route 31 in New Hampshire's smallest town south of the White Mountains - Home features 1,662+ SF of Living Area, 7 RMS, 4 BR, 2.5 BA, full finished basement, open front porch, upper front balcony, detached two and one car garages & detached shed - Home is serviced by FHW/Oil heat, private well & septic - Map 1, Lot 22. Assessed Value: \$174,400. 2023 Taxes: \$940.00. **PREVIEW:** Day of sale from 9:00AM or by appointment with auctioneer. Currently, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services has a lien on the property securing a civil penalty assessed against the former owner for hazardous and solid waste violations at the property. The Town has worked with DES for many years in addressing the conditions on the property. Currently, there is a Groundwater Monitoring Permit ("GMP"), issued on July 3, 2017, that lists the Town as the permittee. As part of the Sale, DES is willing to release the lien on the condition that the buyer becomes the permittee of the GMP after the sale. This is a material condition of the sale. **TERMS:** \$5,000.00 non-refundable deposit by cash, certified/bank check or other tender acceptable to the Town of Windsor at time of sale, balance of purchase price along with buyer's premium due within 60 days from the sale date. Conveyance by Deed, Without Covenants. Sale is subject to Town confirmation. The Town of Windsor reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The property is sold "AS IS, WHERE IS" subject to all outstanding liens, if any. Other terms may be announced at time of sale. **10% BUYERS PREMIUM PAYABLE TO AUCTIONEER DUE AT CLOSING**



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SMART STORAGE



By: Joyce Bosse

No one wants to hear this, but the trick to keeping your wardrobe from taking over your closet is by building a strategic system of organization that works throughout the year. Luckily, there are some accessible tips and tricks to maximize your storage capabilities and create a space that's easier to keep organized. Which means easier and faster access to find exactly what you're looking for.

Before you shell out for a pricey closet organization system, consider the things you already have that could be creatively leveraged for storage. Things like baskets, book cases, and cubbies make for perfect storage tools for things like purses, shoes, handbags and other miscellaneous items that need a home.

If you are in search of some new storage units, look for compact, multi-use options that can address more than one area of organization. To best utilize limited wall space, stack mounted shelving or wall hooks above your shoe rack to take advantage of your vertical space.

And if height allows, take advantage of a double-hanging system for tops and bottoms — all you might need in addition is a small step stool to access the top row, and you've managed to double your storage while keeping your floor space more clear for navigation.

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Publisher's Perspective

Just What I Needed

I have always been an optimistic person, always seeing the glass as half full. Over the last year or so I have become more and more fearful and pessimistic about the fate to this great experiment in personal liberty we call America.

The Politics of Hate has grown more pervasive and more powerful with the haters constantly attacking our customs and heritage.

Attending the Inauguration of Wayne Lesperance as the 16th President of NEC

was just what I needed to refresh my spirit. Being witness to the story of a young Puerto Rican boy who rose through his own belief, dedication and perseverance to become the President of a New England college is proof that The American Dream is alive and well. In what other country could that be accomplished? Do the American haters realize that we have a major immigration problem precisely because the whole world believes in the American Dream, even if they don't?

Sparks fly at Franklin Candidates Forum - Incumbent Mayor ousted

Franklin residents filled the Elks Lodge for a Candidates Forum hosted by the civic group Choose Franklin. Three candidates for school board and seven candidates for city council shared their policy views to an attentive audience. Sparks began to fly almost immediately, to the point that the Choose Franklin's board has now apologized to voters and candidates.

During the forum, Desireé McLaughlin levied accusations that incumbent Mayor Jo Brown had "silenced" her by cutting her off during a public meeting and of "major conflicts of interest" on the council. She was gavelled out by moderator Bob Lucas, who stated personal attacks would not be tolerated. "This town is already divided enough and we do not need to have anybody besmirching anyone else," Lucas said.

City Councilor George Dzujna unsuccessfully objected to McLaughlin being allowed to participate during the write-in section, separate from the other two mayoral candidates. McLaughlin said she chose to do so out of protest to the fact write-ins were kept separate from their on-the-ballot competitors.

During McLaughlin's remarks, derisive laughter drifted from the section where Brown and her supporters sat. They were then shouted down and sworn at by McLaughlin supporters.

Lucas again gavelled for the crowd to quiet down, and the event concluded not long after.

"My speech may have been cut short by the childish antics of Jo Brown and her entourage but the resulting flood

of messages from the community this evening showed me that standing in solidarity for equal treatment is worth every insult hurled every single time," McLaughlin wrote.

Brown said she thought McLaughlin, not speaking alongside the other mayoral candidates, had been advantaged and held to a different standard than her peers.

"She had four minutes to talk about whatever she wanted. ... She wasn't up there talking about economic development. She wasn't talking up there about her vision," Brown said. "She has made a practice of tearing me apart in city council meetings during public forum in July and September, and she was likely going to do that again if the moderator had not stopped her."

Brown expressed frustration the forum had not followed its longstanding format, where candidates on the ballot in the same race appear together, and that she was not notified McLaughlin would not appear with her. Brown felt organizers had been "manipulated."

"We dearly apologize to the public and to the candidates," Dan Darling added, "for not being more proactive and communicating some of these developments."

In Tuesday's election, Desireé McLaughlin defeated Mayor Jo Brown by a vote of 236-157.

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Jeni Laliberte, Director of Curriculum Instruction and Assessment (L) updated the H-D School Board on Professional Development programs at the schools. Business manager Grant Geisler (R) briefed the Board on several Capital Maintenance Projects that need addressing in the next few years.

H-D Board studies Capital Maintenance Plan

Hillsboro-Deering Business Manager Grant Geisler met with the Board to review and discuss the many Capital Maintenance projects the District will face over the next few years. He suggests that those projects be prioritized as follows:

1. Replace High School Boiler Plant \$ 700,000
2. Replace Elementary School Boiler 225,000
3. Install Elementary Rooms Ventilation 650,000
4. Install Haslet Wing Ventilation 1,600,000

5. Upgrade High School HVAC 1,800,000
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7. Repave Hillcat Drive 250,000
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Dunbarton honorees.

Dunbarton Police honor dedication & professionalism

Monday night an awards ceremony was held for members of the Dunbarton Police Department. This was an opportunity to recognize the dedication and professionalism of their exceptional staff. The following awards and/or recognition were presented:

Officer Gorman was presented with the Distinguished Service Award for achieving 20 years of service with the Dunbarton Police Department. Officer Gorman has a total of an impressive 42 years in law enforcement, having served with the Goffstown Police Department for 22 years before coming to Dunbarton in 2003.

Sergeant Tyler was presented with the Chief's Citation Award for consistently going above and beyond in all aspects in his role as sergeant.

Sergeant Tyler, Officer Gorman, Officer Milioto

and Officer Tompkins were presented with Letters of Recognition for their steadfast dedication to the Dunbarton Police Department while they were operating short staffed.

Office Administrator Marcoux was presented with a Letter of Recognition for her superior administrative support.

Officer Avedisian was recognized for his proactive policing abilities and the positive impact that he's made during his short time with the department.

Officer Philbrook was presented with his wallet badge which commemorates becoming a certified officer upon graduating from the New Hampshire Police Academy last week. The spouses of current and retired members were also recognized for their ongoing support, for they could not do this job without them.

Area libraries to feature the works of Warner author

Nearly twenty libraries across the state will be featuring the same picture book, *The Thing to Remember about Stargazing* (Tilbury House, 2023) by Warner, NH author Matt Forrest Esenwine, on their respective StoryWalks® this autumn.



To celebrate its national publication on Oct. 3, the libraries are installing prints of the book in their StoryWalks® for October and/or November. StoryWalks® usually consist of small, waist-high kiosks where readers can enjoy an outdoor walk while reading the pages of a picture book along their journey.

Esenwine says he's not sure if this sort of coordinated effort has ever been done before, but he is grateful for the support of the libraries and, specifically, the children's librarians who manage the StoryWalks®.

"I love being able to share my writing with young people and families, and now in addition to the many libraries and schools I visit, I'll be able to share *Stargazing* in the great outdoors – the precise setting for the book itself," he said.

Participating libraries include Tracy Memorial Library of New London; Richards Free Library of Newport; Sutton Free Library; and many others around the state including Esenwine's hometown library, Warner's Pillsbury Free Library, which plans to have his book installed in their StoryWalk® in time for the 76th annual Warner Fall Foliage Festival on October 7 & 8.

Stargazing, which encourages readers to get outside and enjoy the night sky in spare, poetic text, is Esenwine's eighth children's book and is illustrated by Italian artist Sonia Maria Luce Possentini.

Newbery Honor Winner author Joyce Sidman has praised *Stargazing* for "its playful, poetic voice" and national award-winning author/poet Padma Venkatraman says, "Esenwine's carefully crafted, elegant yet simple words will be treasured by young and not so young readers."

According to its organizers, the StoryWalk® Project was originally created by Anne Ferguson and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg-Hubbard Library in Montpelier, VT.

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Dr. Esin Narli

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The most common type of growth in the mouth is called an "irritation fibroma." It appears as a smooth-surfaced, small pink mushroom attached by a stalk to the tongue, inner cheek or lip. It is generally caused by biting or sucking on the spot where it develops. The fibroma often occurs where a small space between the teeth allows for the sucking or biting on tissue. If the "irritation fibroma" is a recurring problem, the dentist may recommend a small, fixed bridge to close the gap.

Another relatively common benign growth is called a "papilloma." It also is mushroom shaped, but has an irregular, white surface. A papilloma will appear of its own accord. The usual course of treatment for either of these tumors is to excise them. As a rule, these tumors do not require a biopsy, a determination as to whether they are cancerous. And although these tumors are non-cancerous, not all tumors are. So, once again, whenever you become aware of an abnormal growth or spot in your mouth, see your dentist immediately.

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BY SARAH CHAPIN

Midazolam, a common drug that makes patients sleepy and less anxious before surgery, is associated with an increased risk of heart damage when operations are performed at night, according to a study published in the journal *Frontiers of Cardiovascular Medicine*. The findings are further evidence that the time of day a drug is given can affect how well it works. A large dataset analysis demonstrated that administering midazolam is associated with an increased risk of myocardial injury in non-cardiac surgery when surgeries occurred at night and in healthier patients.

New research gives strong evidence that vitamin D deficiency is associated with premature death, prompting calls for people to follow healthy vitamin D level guidelines. Published in *Annals of Internal Medicine*, the study found that the more severe the vitamin D deficiency, the greater the risk of mortality. Vitamin D is an important nutrient that helps maintain good health and keep our bones and muscles strong and healthy.

Taking anti-inflammatory pain relievers like ibuprofen and naproxen for osteoarthritis may worsen inflammation in the knee joint over time, according to a new study presented at the annual meeting of the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA). Osteoarthritis is the most common form of arthritis, affecting more than 32 million adults in the U.S. and more than 500 million people worldwide. It occurs most frequently in the hands, hips and knees. In people with osteoarthritis, the cartilage that cushions the joint gradually wears away. Arthritis is often accompanied by inflammation, or swelling, of the joint, which can be painful. Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) are commonly prescribed for osteoarthritis pain and inflammation.

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On October 1, the John Stark girls soccer program held a skills competition, and Sergeant Brandon Montplaisir of the Weare Police Department came out to clock the speed of their shots. Lexi Boudreau had the hardest shot clocking in at 52 miles per hour! Thank you again Officer Montplaisir!

FOOTBALL

Pelham 54, Hillsboro-Deering/Hopkinton 0: The Redhawks lost their third straight game on Friday night, this time to the defending champion Pythons.

John Stark 62, Hollis-Brookline 6: The Generals led 56-0 at halftime en route to a commanding victory.

Sommersworth 13, Newport 12: Kyle Ashley got his Newport team out to an early lead after compiling 67 rushing yards and a touchdown in the opening quarter of Saturday's rematch of last year's Division IV championship game.

Merrimack Valley 7, Bow 6: MV picked up its first win of the season – and its first victory in program history over Bow – 7-6.

Franklin 24, Winnisquam 21: Franklin trailed 14-0 at halftime, but senior quarterback Zeke McCoy ran for four touchdowns in the second half, including one from three yards out with nine seconds left in the game.

GIRLS SOCCER

John Stark 2, Keene 0: Madi Lamothe & Makayla Pellerin scored for the Generals.

John Stark 4, Bow 2: Melody Couturier's goal in the second half broke the 2-2 tie that stood at halftime and she also assisted on an insurance goal by Winther to seal the Generals' victory.

Kearsarge 2, Fall Mountain 1: The Wildcats opened the scoring one minute into the second half, but Thorp took a release pass from Dudley and put one in right under the crossbar in the 51st minute to tie the game 1-1. Teams went back and forth but the Cougars finally put in a second goal as Dudley connected on a cross

from Shapiro in the 73rd minute.

Kearsarge 2, Bishop Brady 0: Kearsarge opened the game keeping possession in the Brady's end and Maddie Thorp opened the scoring in the fourth minute with a shot from 20 yards out.

Hopkinton 1, St. Thomas 1: The Hawks went down in the first half by falling asleep on defense, but tied it in the 45th minute off of a great header from a corner kick. Neither team found the net in double overtime.

Hopkinton 5, Fall Mountain 2: The Hawks scored four goals in the first 30 minutes of the match to put away the Wildcats.

BOYS SOCCER

Hillsboro-Deering 3, Conant 2: After going down early, Hillsboro fought back to take the lead going into halftime. Conant tied up the game in the second half, but ultimately Dylan Braun's free kick goal led the Hillcats.

Hillsboro-Deering 7, Manchester West 4: After going down 2-0, the Hillcats fought back to take the lead, dominating possession. Ferwerda's hat trick included his 50th career goal.

Hopkinton 5, Stevens 0: The Hawks scored a couple of early goals to take a 2-0 halftime lead in wet conditions against a physically large Cardinal squad.

Hopkinton 3, Derryfield 2: The Cougars scored first, but the Hawks overcame two one-goal deficits to claim the win.

Hopkinton 3, Conant 0: Cam Bassett scored the game's opening goal in the 12th minute.

Hopkinton 2, St. Thomas 1, OT: Avery Condon ▶

Sports

scored both goals, including the game winner in OT.
Kearsarge 4, Bishop Brady 0: Devin Selby's hat trick led the attack.
Hanover 5, Goffstown 2: David Delisle recorded 12 saves for the Grizzlies.

FIELD HOCKEY

Bishop Brady 3, Kearsarge 0: Laura Yap scored two goals in the first quarter, both assisted by Payton Bryson, and completed her hat trick with an unassisted tally in the third.
Newport 6, Kearsarge 1: The Tigers clawed the Cougars in this one.
Mascoma 2, Kearsarge 0: The Cougars played hard but couldn't find the net.
Mascoma 2, Hopkinton 1, OT: Still tied 0-0 at the end of regulation, the Hawks (5-5) once again controlled play to start overtime. Three minutes in, however, the Cougars scored first.

Winnisquam 3, Hopkinton 1: The Hawks trailed from the opening whistle.
John Stark 4, Souhegan 1: The Generals got off to a good start, scoring two goals in the first quarter and taking a 3-0 lead into halftime.
John Stark 7, Sanborn 0: Hailey Brisson's hat trick led the way.
John Stark 3, Hanover 0: The Generals led 1-0 at halftime and turned up the pressure in the second half while playing excellent defense.
Bow 7, Plymouth 0: Ella Gray's hat trick was all the Falcons needed.
Merrimack Valley 7, ConVal 2: The Cougars tied the game, 1-1, in the first minute of the second quarter, but MV exploded offensively with three goals in the second quarter and two more in the third to pull away. ConVal put up one more goal within the first three minutes of the fourth.



This group of ladies from our Newport's girls soccer team, Makayla Cossingham, Torrence Williams, Glory Parker, Brooklyn Ranney, Jesenya Santana, Cassie Sanborn, Aubrey Gosselin, and Paige Hall got up early to be at the Claremont Soup Kitchen at 7:00am to volunteer their time to help the soup kitchen put on a breakfast to raise money for all of Sullivan County.



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New London Firefighters, along with New London Hospital EMS, and New London Police Benevolent Association have had an eventful evening responding to two back-to-back motor vehicle accidents on Wilmot Center Road, (above), and Interstate 89 Northbound, (below).



On September 21st a deer coming across Route 202/9 caused the damage shown, the driver was uninjured, (above). A yellow box truck on Route 9 by Dunkin Donuts ended up in an embankment after trying to avoid a deer. The operator from Georgia and his dog Rico were uninjured, (below).



Crime Watch

Dunbarton Police arrest fleeing felon



On the morning of Friday, September 8, 2023 Dunbarton Police Officer Scott Avedisian was working a NH Office of Highway Safety grant patrol when he attempted to stop a vehicle for speeding on Everett Dam Road. The vehicle failed to stop and attempted to elude Officer Avedisian by pulling into a random private driveway further down the road. Officer Avedisian was able to quickly locate the vehicle and the operator, Joshua Kunkel, 33, of Lisbon, CT. Kunkel was taken into custody for disobeying a police officer. Upon further investigation it was determined that Kunkel had an active arrest warrant out of the State of Connecticut for multiple felony-level drug and weapons charges, including possession of narcotics with the intent to sell and criminal possession of a firearm. After conferring with the Connecticut State Police, extradition was confirmed. Kunkel was subsequently transported to the Merrimack County House of Corrections pending arraignment as a fugitive from justice, a special felony. Kunkel was also charged with disobeying a police officer and speed.

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Sunapee Police arrest Claremont man

Officer Peter Brigham was patrolling Bradford Road when he observed a vehicle traveling 44-mph in a 30-mph speed zone. Ofc. Brigham activated his emergency blue lights and stopped the vehicle near Nutting Road. It was subsequently discovered that the operator, identified as Trevor Williams of Claremont, had an Electronic Bench Warrant for his arrest out of the 1st Circuit Court in Berlin, NH for Contempt of Court, which is a Class A Misdemeanor. He was then bailed and released with a court date of October 19th, at 1st Circuit Court in Berlin.

Henniker woman arrested for DWI

Sergeant Nicholas Boisvert and Officer Nicholas Henault received a report of a single vehicle off the roadway on Edgemont Road near Rolling Rock Road with unknown injuries. Upon arrival, Sgt. Boisvert and Ofc. Henault observed a vehicle off the roadway with airbag deployment and the operator, identified as Andrea Corson of Henniker, standing outside of the vehicle. After speaking with her, Sgt. Boisvert conducted a series of Field Sobriety Tests on her which subsequently resulted in Corson being

placed under arrest for Driving While Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs. She was then transported to New London Hospital for a blood draw, then transported to the Sunapee Police Department for booking and processing. She was then bailed and released to a sober responsible party.

Deering man faces charge of DUI after crash

Weare Police responded to a single motor vehicle crash on Deering Center Road. An on-scene investigation was conducted and Nicholas DiGeronimo, 40, Deering, NH, was arrested for DUI. DiGeronimo was transported to the Weare Police Department for booking. DiGeronimo was released on Personal Recognizance bail with an arraignment date at Goffstown District Court. His vehicle was towed from the scene of the crash. DiGeronimo was released to a sober adult.

Dunbarton traffic stop to a felony arrest



Dunbarton Police Sergeant Brian Tyler attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a GMC pickup truck in the area of Morse Road and Twist Hill Road for several traffic violations. The operator failed to stop and led Sergeant Tyler on a brief pursuit on Twist Hill Road towards Goffstown. Sergeant Tyler quickly discontinued the pursuit out of concern for the general public and due to the reckless and dangerous operation of the suspect vehicle. Following the pursuit, the Dunbarton Police Department began an investigation and subsequently identified the operator as Joseph Crawford, 32, of Dunbarton. Crawford was processed on a Dunbarton Police Department arrest warrant at the New Hampshire State Prison in Concord on Wednesday, August 9, 2023, where he was being held on an unrelated parole violation due to engaging in another pursuit in New Hampshire on July 22, 2023. Crawford will be arraigned in Merrimack County Superior Court on the following charges: Reckless Conduct – Deadly Weapon (Felony); Habitual Offender; Penalty (Felony); Falsifying Physical Evidence (Felony); Driving Without Giving Proof (Misdemeanor); Disobeying a Police Officer (Misdemeanor); Operating After Revocation/Suspension – DWI Conviction (Misdemeanor); Reckless Driving (Violation); Highway Markings (2) (Violation).

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Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

Richard A. Briggs Jr

ANTRIM - Richard A. Briggs Jr, 86, of Antrim, NH passed away September 23, 2023 at his home surrounded by his loving family. Richard was born June 2, 1937 to the late Richard A. Briggs Sr & Grace C. (Sweet) Briggs. He is survived by his wife, Ellen Ann (Moore) Briggs of Antrim, NH; his five children; 9 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren. Services will be held at the convenience of the family.



Arthur Learned

DUNBARTON - Arthur John Learned, 81, of Dunbarton, passed away peacefully in his sleep on September 26, 2023 at Granite VNA Hospice in Concord, after a period of declining health. He was born on January 13, 1942 in Claremont, NH, the son of Harold and Althea Bean Learned. Arthur is survived by his wife of 57 years, Janet, daughter Regina and her husband Todd Pauer, grandchildren Nora and Anna, all of Goffstown and his son Harold of Eugene, OR. He was predeceased by his brother Richard and sister Freda and survived by his sisters Joanne, Nancy and Betty. A graveside service will take place at the New Hampshire State Veteran's Cemetery, 110 DW Hwy, Boscawen, on Friday October 6, 2023 at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the NH Food Bank at nhfoodbank.org. Published by Concord Monitor on Oct. 1, 2023.



Bonnie L. Sweatt

CONTOOCCOOK - Bonnie Sweatt of Contoocook, NH passed away September 26, 2023, surrounded by family after a long battle with breast cancer. Bonnie was born June 8, 1953, in Concord, NH to Patricia Pickering. She is survived by her husband of 49 years, Tim Sweatt of Contoocook NH; daughter, Julie Sweatt, and son, Jeffrey Sweatt, both of Greenville SC; her beloved pup, Finley and grand pups, George & Milton; her brother, Stephen Abbott and sister, Darlene Labrie of Concord NH; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in her honor to the Pope Memorial SPCA of Concord Merrimack County, 94 Silk Farm Road, Concord, NH.



Robert E. Blood

PETERBOROUGH - Robert E. Blood, 90, of Peterborough, NH & Townsend, MA passed away peacefully on July 25, 2023 surrounded by his loving family. Robert was born in Groton on February 16, 1933, a son of the late William and Mildred (Holt) Blood. He is survived by his son, Robert E. Blood, Jr. and daughter, Cathleen Blood; five grandchildren, Aimee Cotton, Robert E. Blood III, Alice, Cas & Sophie Bardos; six great grandchildren, Grace, Caroline, Samuel & Owen Cotton,



Silas and Rowan Blood; his brother William Blood, and dozens of nieces and nephews. Robert was predeceased by his wife of 65 years, JoAnne (Barrett) Blood on July 18, 2023, his siblings Allen, Richard, Carol Toomey, and great grandson Jackson Cotton. A graveside service with military honors will be held in the Woodlawn Cemetery, 40 Heald St., Pepperell on Saturday October 14, at 11:00 a.m. Bob's nephew Jeffrey Blood will officiate. The family will gather after the service at Franny's Diner in Pepperell. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to one of the organizations listed in the full obituary on andersonfuneral.com.

Joseph Schultz

PETERBOROUGH - A loving and gentle soul left this earth on Monday, September 25, 2023. Joe is survived by his little buddy Zoey (the family cat), and many extended family members and treasured friends. He was predeceased by his parents and sister Grace. Those that knew him will always remember the kindness of his smile, big hugs and warm conversations. Joe was born in Queens, NY on April 30, 1940, the son of Charles and Helen (O'Rourke) Schultz. A funeral service will be held on Friday October 6th at 11:00 a.m. at All Saints Church, 51 Concord Street, Peterborough, NH. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Joe's name to Monadnock Kitty Rescue & Adoption or the Monadnock Humane Society.




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FRIDAY OCTOBER 6

CEMETERIES AND GRAVESTONES: 7:00pm at Deering Town Hall. Join Glenn Knoblock as he details the rich variety of cemeteries and gravestones that can be found in town cemeteries across our state and the forgotten aspects of our history that is therein revealed. This program is free and open to all. Funding provided by the New Hampshire Humanities Council.

FIRST FRIDAYS: Northern Stage Season Preview! Northern Stage Theater presents a preview of their 2023-2024 Season, Whipple Hall, New London.

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FRIDAY OCTOBER 6-7

OPEN STUDIOS WEEKEND: 10:00-4:00pm. See the artwork and visit over 15 artists at Whipple Hall and their private studios in the Lake Sunapee Region. www.centerforheartsnh.org/open-studios Check website for up to date information.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 7

OPEN HOUSE: Hopkinton Fire Station 10:00am-1:00pm. Touch A truck, kid's games, food.

BOOK SALE: The Deering Library is having an open house and book sale on Saturday October 7, 10:00am-2:00pm. This will be the last day that the schoolhouse library will be open for the season. Please join us for refreshments and check out the books for sale.

YARD SALE: 9:00-3:00pm, Henniker Quaker Meetinghouse, 529 Quaker Street. Come take a ride in Fall Foliage and come to a Yard Sale at our meetinghouse. Decades of quality items will be for sale with all proceeds going toward Women's Work in East Africa. Rain or Shine. Call Marian at 478-5650 for further information.

MONDAY OCTOBER 9

WASHINGTON PROGRAM: Washington Historical Society's Monthly Program: Local forester Tom Barton explores the Big Trees of New Hampshire including wildlife that live around them. Lots of gorgeous photos will be shown. Camp Morgan Lodge, 339 Millen Lake Rd., Washington. Potluck 5:30pm, Meeting 6:30pm, Presentation 7:00pm.

HENNIKER SCARECROW CONTEST: Sign up at the Gazebo on Monday, at 10:00am. For more information, see the flyers posted in Town Hall, the P.O., the Pharmacy, the Library or on the Chamber of Commerce website.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 10

FULLER LIBRARY: If These Walls Could Talk: Celebrating 100 Years of the Red Arrow Diner, 6:30pm. Radio personality Mike Morin returns with his new book to talk about the 100 years the Red Arrow has kept the comfort in comfort food while staying true to many original favorites.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 12

ANNUAL MEETING: The Hillsborough Historical Society is holding its annual meeting at 4:00pm. The meeting is being graciously hosted by Stonewall Farms Bed & Breakfast located at 235 Windsor Road in Hillsboro. Those attending are encouraged to bring a hors d'oeuvre to share. There will be presentations of our accomplishments over the past year, and an opportunity to learn how you can help. Hope to see you there.

WHITE BIRCH HIKE: Lincoln Woods Trail, 4-5 miles. An old log railroad bed now an easy trail. It follows a river the whole way. Could be very nice foliage. Will use the WBC van. Leave

Henniker Cong Church-8:00, arrive at trail-9:30, return to car 1:00, lunch at the Woodstock Inn-1:30, leave Woodstock-3:00, return to church-4:30. Contact WBC to register, 428-7860.

GLOBAL FAMINE: GREAT DECISIONS is a series of informal conversations about foreign policy from 6:30pm-8:00pm on the second floor of the Tuttle Library. Participants may order the Great Decisions manual from the Foreign Policy Association (1-800-477-5836 or aahmed@fpa.org). The manual contains short articles which set each meeting's topic. There will also be three Great Decisions manuals on reserve for those who prefer a free edition.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 13

AUSBON SARGENT: Fall Foliage Guided Hike on the Cook Property in New London. 10:00am. Free hike, register at: stewardship@ausbonsargent.org or call 603-526-6555.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 14

NH ENERGY EXPO: 9am-2:30pm, Dunbarton Elementary School, 20 Roberts Rogers Rd., Dunbarton Center. Free admission, great door prizes. dunbarton-energy.org/energy-expo/.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 15

CHRISTMAS CONCERT REHEARSALS: Do you love singing Christmas music? Join The Area Choir for their 70th Anniversary Christmas Concert Season from 4:00-6:00pm at South Congregational Church in Newport, NH and continue through November, with a dress rehearsal and three concerts on Dec. 1, 2, and 3. All are welcome, no audition.

TOUCH A TRUCK: 10:00-1:00pm at Andover Fire Department. Win A Ride To School In A Fire Truck or Police Cruiser. Free and open to all.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 17

TAPESTRY TUESDAY: 5:30pm, Tapestry Tuesdays "Digging into Native History in New Hampshire" with Robert Goodby, Professor of Anthropology at Franklin Pierce University, talks about archaeological evidence of the Abenaki presence in New Hampshire. New London Inn www.centerforheartsnh.org/tapestry-tuesdays Space is limited. Register at info@cfanh.org

THURSDAY OCTOBER 19

IRAN AT CROSSROADS: GREAT DECISIONS is a series of informal conversations about foreign policy from 6:30-8:00pm on the second floor of the Tuttle Library. Participants may order the Great Decisions manual from the Foreign Policy Association (1-800-477-5836 or aahmed@fpa.org). The manual contains short articles which set each meeting's topic. There will also be three Great Decisions manuals on reserve for those who prefer a free edition.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 21

OPEN HOUSE: New London Fire Department 9:00-11:00am truck rides, station tours, hands on activities. 11:00am-12:00pm live vehicle extraction demo.

HOLIDAY FESTIVAL: East Washington, The annual Fall Holiday Festival will be held 9:00-2:00pm at 2278 East Washington Road. Besides a Bake Sale and Craft Sale there will be the Homemade Soup Café available. From 11:00am-2:00pm. Proceeds from this sale will benefit Purling Beck Hall.

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RFP FOR MAPPING CEMETERY GRAVESITES

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Mapping to include:

- the size of lots
- names on the lots
- indicate if corner markers are located or missing.

All proposals must be received at the Weare Selectmen's Office no later than Monday, October 23, 2023 at 5:00PM. Proposals received will be presented to the Board of Selectmen later that evening for discussion and decision. The Town reserves the right to accept and/or reject any and/or all proposals.

Town of Weare

INVITATION FOR BIDS ON TOWN OF WEARE PROJECTS

The Town of Weare is soliciting bids for the following projects for 2024.

- 1) Electrical Work on any Town Building:
 - Submittal of hourly rate for the 2024 year on any electrical work on any Town Building. Insurance Certificate must be included
- 2) Plumbing Work on any Town Building:
 - Submittal of hourly rate for the 2024 year on any plumbing work on any Town Building. Insurance Certificate must be included

All bids are due by 5:00 PM on Monday, October 23, 2023 and will be opened that evening at the Selectmen's meeting. Late bids and fax bids will not be accepted. Bids must be submitted to the Town of Weare – Electrical a/o Plumbing Bids, 15 Flanders Memorial Road, Weare, NH 03281. The Town of Weare has the right to refuse all and any bids. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days subsequent to the opening of bids without the written consent of the Town. Call Naomi Bolton, Town Administrator with any questions or to set up a time to review these projects.



Town of Hillsborough NH LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICE

Zoning Board of Adjustment • Case No. 2023-06

Notice is hereby given in accordance with RSA 676:7 that the Hillsborough Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a Public Hearing on a Special Exception as stated in the Table 4 Chart of Uses, Residential Uses, Dwelling 3-4 Unit, in the Village Residential Zone. The application is submitted by Samuel Joseph Kopp for their property located at 29 Church Street (Map 23 Lot 109).

The Public Hearing for this application will be presented to the Hillsborough Zoning Board of Adjustment Monday, October 16, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Hillsborough Town Office Meeting Room at 27 School Street, Hillsborough, New Hampshire.

Please contact Planning Director Robyn Payson at 603-464-7971 or e-mail robyn@hillsboroughnh.net with any questions regarding this application.

Town of Weare

PART TIME – GENERAL SERVICES MAINTENANCE PERSON/HANDYMAN

The Town of Weare is seeking applications for a part-time General Services Maintenance Person/Handyman. The position involves the following tasks:

- General basic carpenter skills
- Access & ability to climb step ladder
- Must have own tools
- Minor painting and general upkeep
- General understanding of plumbing and electrical
- Light shoveling may be required

To apply, email, hand deliver in person or mail all letters of intent, resumes and/or applications to: Town of Weare Selectmen's Office, Attn: General Services Maintenance Person/Handyman, 15 Flanders Memorial Road, Weare, NH 03281. This position will remain open until filled.

Town of Weare

IMMEDIATE OPENING PART TIME – CEMETERY SEXTON

The Town of Weare is seeking applications for a part time Cemetery Sexton. The position involves coordinating burial-related activities from April 1st to November 30th each year. Meets with the public and shows available lots to prospective buyers. Sells cemetery plots including all steps from application, to ordering the corner markers, to making sure that the Town Clerk is provided with all the burial certificate information after the service. Works closely with funeral homes to coordinate burial services, including marking out the proper burial location on each lot and providing the location to the company that digs the graves. Coordinates with the monument companies and families regarding permits and headstones. Coordinates with the branches of the military for the delivery of military markers and installs the markers. Compensation for this position will be \$50 per burial.

A detailed task description and qualifications can be further requested by emailing the Town Administrator at nbolton@wearenh.gov; or calling (603) 529-7535. To apply, email, hand deliver in person or mail all letters of intent, resumes and/or applications to: Town of Weare Selectmen's Office, Attn: Cemetery Sexton Position, 15 Flanders Memorial Road, Weare, NH 03281. This position will remain open until filled.

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